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Mr. Glen Pearce-Oroz
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RE: Contract No. LAG-I-00-99-00036-00, Task Order No. 807
UI Project 06967-011, Urban Land-use and Growth Management Plan for Villanueva (Honduras)
Quarterly Task Order Progress and Cost Report, October to December 2003

Dear Mr. Pearce-Oroz:

Please find enclosed the *Quarterly Task Order Progress and Cost Report, October to December 2003*, Urban Land-use and Growth Management Plan for Villanueva (Honduras) as required under Section F.12 of the above referenced contract.

Please direct any technical questions to Mr. Francis Conway at conwayf@aol.com. Questions of a contractual nature should be addressed to me at (202) 261-5818.

Sincerely,

Marcus L. Stevenson

Enclosures

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**QUARTERLY TASK ORDER
PROGRESS AND COST
REPORT**

OCTOBER DECEMBER 2003

**URBAN LAND-USE AND
GROWTH MANAGEMENT
PLAN FOR VILLANUEVA
(HONDURAS)**

Prepared for



Urban Land-use and Growth Management Plan for Villanueva
(Honduras)
United States Agency for International Development
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QUARTERLY TASK ORDER PROGRESS AND COST REPORT

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URBAN LAND-USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR VILLANUEVA (HONDURAS)

Task Order No.: LAG-1-00-99-00036-00, Task Order No. 807

Date of Issuance: April 30, 2003

Amount Obligated Under Task Order: \$ 268,961

Total Potential Task Order Amount: \$ 268,961

Dollars Expended To-date: \$ 237,576

Key Personnel:

Prime Contractor Contact: Francis Conway
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Task Order Description:

The purpose of this study is to provide the Municipality of Villanueva with the appropriate tools to manage its urban growth over the next 20 years, ensuring equitable access to housing and basic services, while at the same time enabling continued commercial and industrial growth. UI will prepare an Urban Land Use and Growth Management Plan (2003-2023) for Villanueva (*casco urbano*), Dos Caminos and El Calán. By the close of the project, this plan should be ready for adoption by the *Corporación Municipal*.

I. HIGHLIGHTS

During this period, the first full draft of the deliverables was completed. The drafts were revised based on comments received from USAID. USAID authorized a no-cost extension to December 31, 2003 to respond to these comments. The final deliverables were submitted to USAID on January 2, 2004.

II. PROGRESS OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Performance Requirement #1: Growth Management Plan Conceptualized

A Land Use and Urban Growth Management Plan was prepared in three volumes. The first volume is the Plan itself. Volume Two includes the practical instruments that the Municipality of Villanueva will use to implement the plan in the short and medium term (more on these under Requirements 2, 3 and 4, below). Volume Three provides the historical context for the Plan as well the projections of population and key socio economic variables to the year 2020.

The reason for presenting the Land Use and Urban Growth Management Plan in these three volumes is that the time horizon of each of the three pieces is very different. The expectation is that Volume One will

not change much over time, certainly not in the short and medium term. This will provide continuity to the Plan. Volume Two, especially the Capital Investment Program, will need to be updated periodically, always within the framework of the long-term vision of the Plan. The relevance of Volume Three will diminish with time until it becomes largely a reference document that explains what was known and expected at the time the Plan was developed initially.

Performance Requirement #2: Zoning Ordinances for the Target Area Recommended

The final version of the Zoning, Land Subdivision and Site Development Ordinance was submitted to USAID as the first part of Volume Two of the Plan. The related maps showing the proposed zoning and land use for the town of Villanueva and the communities of El Calán and Dos Caminos were submitted in electronic form in a CD included in the inside back cover of the Plan. The proposed Ordinance draws heavily on a similar document prepared recently as part of the Master Plan for the Development of San Pedro Sula, with adjustments that reflect the difference in the scale and complexity of urban growth issues between San Pedro and Villanueva.

Performance Requirement #3: Construction, Subdivision, Environmental Regulations and Mitigation Measures (if any) for the Target Area Recommended

The construction and subdivision regulations are part of the Zoning, Land Subdivision and Site Development Ordinance described above. The Ordinance also includes a number of provisions intended to mitigate the potential adverse environmental impact of the future urban growth of the Municipality of Villanueva. The key provision in this regard is as follows:

Artículo 12 Las Zonas de Preservación Natural **ZPN** están destinadas a proteger los recursos naturales indispensables para la sustentabilidad del medio ambiente en el territorio del municipio. Estas Zonas son las siguientes:

ZPN 1. Áreas de Protección de las Reservas Acuíferas Ríos, Quebradas; Lagos, Lagunas, Nacimientos de aguas y termales.

ZPN 2. Áreas de Protección de las Recargas del Acuífero A partir de la cota 190 msnm delimitada en campo.

ZPN 3. Reserva Acuífera de Alto Rendimiento Delimitada en campo por ASVI basada en el Plan Maestro Agua Subterránea

ZPN 4. Reserva Acuífera de Rendimiento Medio Delimitada en campo por ASVI basada en el Plan Maestro Agua Subterránea.

The Capital Investment Program 2004 – 2008, also included in Volume Two of the Plan, includes a number of proposed measures to reduce and manage the risks to the aquifer that is one of the most important natural resources in the territory of the Municipality of Villanueva. It also includes investments to expand the main sewage collector in the town of Villanueva and to improve and expand the sewage treatment plant serving that town.

Performance Requirement #4: A Five-Year Strategic and Capital Investment Plan Identifying Viable Tools to Implement the Growth Management Plan Developed

A draft investment program for the period 2004 – 2008 was submitted in late October. Following comments from USAID, that program was modified and the final version submitted to USAID as part of the Volume Two of the Plan. The Capital Investment Program proposes L. 283 million in investments in the five-year period from 2004 to 2008 to support the implementation of a number of key measures that are necessary to

achieve the long-term strategic objectives of the Plan. Responsibility for these investments is divided roughly on a 40/60 basis between the Municipality and the National Government of Honduras.

Performance Requirement #5: Training Program for Municipal Officials Addressing Development Planning and the Implementation of Development Plans Carried Out

Training was conducted and completed by September 26, 2003, as required by the contract.

Performance Requirement #6: Municipal Officials and Other Local Stakeholders Understanding of the Usefulness of Growth Management Increased, Their Inputs Incorporated Into the Planning Process, and Their Knowledge of the Results Increased

The team conducted the first meetings with stakeholders in June. This included a meeting with all the key staff of the Municipality and with the Municipal Council to learn what their expectations are regarding the future growth and development of Villanueva. It also included a meeting with the Commerce and Industry Chamber of Villanueva with a similar agenda. The team reached agreement with the Municipality on the list of key stakeholders that will be consulted. The initial round of meeting, all focused on expectations regarding future growth of Villanueva, will be completed in July. The results served as inputs to the Conceptual Plan.

The team conducted second round meetings with stakeholders in August and September, based on the draft Conceptual Plan. This included a meeting with all the key staff of the Municipality, with the Municipal Council, with business and community leaders, and with students.

An additional round of consultation took place in October based on the draft documents available at the time. The final consultation, and certainly the one with the greatest impact, will take place after the conclusion of this Task Order. The Municipality of Villanueva plans to hold an open town meeting (cabildo abierto) where it will present the final Plan to the residents of the community for final comment and approval.

III. DELIVERABLES AND REPORTS

The first full draft of the deliverables was completed in late October 2003. These were revised based on comments received from USAID. USAID authorized a no-cost extension to December 31, 2003 to respond to the comments. The final deliverables were submitted to USAID on January 2, 2004.

IV. PROBLEMS OR DELAYS AFFECTING THE TASK ORDER PERFORMANCE

UI requested a no-cost extension to December 31, 2003 to respond to comments made by USAID on the draft deliverables.

V. WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

All the work has been completed. This is the final quarterly report under this Task Order.

VI. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED

In December, UI submitted a final request for adjustment to the level of effort without an increase in the overall cost. UI will need formal approval of this request to close out the books on this work order.